

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00633-CJN**

DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION v. U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/07/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/07/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5986773) filed by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Exhibit)(Dubner, Jeffrey) (Entered: 03/07/2019)
03/07/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Amy Berman Jackson. (zef, ) (Entered: 03/07/2019)
03/07/2019	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 03/07/2019)
03/07/2019	<u>3</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION (Dubner, Jeffrey) (Entered: 03/07/2019)

03/11/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/11/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/10/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 3/11/19., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 3/8/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(Dubner, Jeffrey) (Entered: 03/11/2019)
04/10/2019	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Brian J. Field on behalf of All Defendants (Field, Brian) (Entered: 04/10/2019)
04/10/2019	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.(Field, Brian) (Entered: 04/10/2019)
04/11/2019	<u>7</u>	ORDER. Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of Local Civil Rule 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure appear to be inapplicable. Defendant shall file a dispositive motion or, in the alternative, a report setting forth the schedule for the completion of its production of documents to plaintiff, on or before May 9, 2019. See Order for complete details. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 4/11/2019. (lcabj2) (Entered: 04/11/2019)
05/09/2019	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 05/09/2019)
05/10/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must file a joint status report by June 10, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 5/10/2019. (lcabj2) (Entered: 05/10/2019)
05/14/2019	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Benjamin M. Seel on behalf of DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION (Seel, Benjamin) (Entered: 05/14/2019)
06/10/2019	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Seel, Benjamin) (Entered: 06/10/2019)
06/11/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must file another status report by July 10, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 6/11/2019. (lcabj2) (Entered: 06/11/2019)
06/24/2019		Case directly reassigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. Judge Amy Berman Jackson is no longer assigned to the case. (ztnr) (Entered: 06/24/2019)
07/10/2019	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 07/10/2019)
08/13/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall submit an additional Joint Status Report by September 10, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 13, 2019. (lccjn1) (Entered: 08/13/2019)
08/14/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Additional Joint Status Report due by 9/10/2019. (mac) (Entered: 08/14/2019)
09/10/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 09/10/2019)
09/11/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report on or before October 10, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on September 11, 2019. (lccjn1) (Entered: 09/11/2019)
09/11/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 10/10/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 09/12/2019)
10/10/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 10/10/2019)

10/17/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Telephone Conference set for 10/21/2019 at 11:15 AM before Judge Carl J. Nichols. (zcdw) (Entered: 10/17/2019)
10/21/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report and today's telephonic conference, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report on or before November 8, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on October 21, 2019. (lccjn1) (Entered: 10/21/2019)
10/21/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 11/8/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 10/22/2019)
11/08/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Joint Status Report</i> by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION (Seel, Benjamin) (Entered: 11/08/2019)
11/12/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the Parties' <u>14</u> Joint Motion for Extension of Time, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED and that the Parties shall file a Joint Status Report on or before November 15, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on November 12, 2019. (lccjn1) (Entered: 11/12/2019)
11/12/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 11/15/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 11/12/2019)
11/15/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Seel, Benjamin) (Entered: 11/15/2019)
11/19/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report on or before December 19, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on November 19, 2019. (lccjn1) (Entered: 11/19/2019)
11/19/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Additional Joint Status Report due by 12/19/2019. (mac) (Entered: 11/19/2019)